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"The number of women employed at railroad repair shops was still below the percentage set for 1952. In order to promote the building of socialism in our country, all railroad repair shops are ordered to increase the number of women employed at the installation. Regulations for carrying out this directions are attached."⁴

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Comment. This information confirms the locomotives of deactivated locomotive columns No 3 at Ruednitz and No 13 at Ducherow.

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Comment. The critical status of the railroad coal reserves has been previously reported. The coal reserves mentioned in the present report would, however, represent only 10 to 12 days requirements as against 14 to 16 days requirements normally kept during the winter months.

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Comment. On 23 August 1952, 109,051 freight cars were available. The increase to 116,454 units was mainly because of the re-purchase of former German freight cars from the U.S.S.R.

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Comment. A special feature of the current Five-Year plan is the increase of the percentage of female labor employed by the East German railroads.

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